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SUBJECT: EXCHANGES BETWEEN THE POLISH UNION OF SOCIALIST RURAL
YOUTH AND THE 4-H AND THE FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA

1. EMBASSY OFFICERS MET ON SEPTEMBER 26 WITH MR. ANDRZEJ MACENOWICZ, GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE CENTRAL BOARD OF THE POLISH UNION OF SOCIALIST RURAL YOUTH TO REVIEW DEVELOPMENTS CONCERNING THE PROPOSED EXCHANGE BETWEEN THE UNION AND THE 4-H. MACENOWICZ REPORTS THAT THE LATEST DRAFT AGREEMENT FROM THE 4-H HAS BEEN SLIGHTLY MODIFIED AND SENT TO THE 4-H NATIONAL OFFICE IN WASHINGTON, C/O MR. PRESSLY. THIS AGREEMENT WILL PROVIDE FOR ONE HUNDRED YOUNG POLISH AGRICULTURAL WORKERS TO SPEND APPROXIMATELY ONE YEAR IN THE U.S. WORKING ON FARMS AND TRAVELING. A SIMILAR NUMBER OF AMERICAN STUDENTS INTERESTED IN AGRICULTURE WILL BE INVITED TO SPEND ABOUT A YEAR IN POLAND. THE EXCHANGE IS NOW SCHEDULED TO COMMENCE IN MARCH, 1976. THE EMBASSY REQUESTS THAT THE DEPARTMENT CHECK WITH PRESSLY TO ASCERTAIN WHETHER OR NOT HE HAS RECEIVED THIS INFORMATION.

2. MACENOWICZ SAID THAT PROPOSED AGRICULTURAL YOUTH EXCHANGES WAS ONE OF THE SUBJECTS THAT MINISTER BARCIKOWSKI WOULD BE DISCUSSING WITH SECRETARY BUTZ DURING HIS VISIT TO THE U.S. AND THAT THE UNION HOPED THAT SOME FAVORABLE REFERENCE TO SUCH EXCHANGES WOULD APPEAR IN THE JOINT STATEMENT ISSUED BY
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MINISTER BARCIKOWSKI AND SECRETARY BUTZ AT THE CONCLUSION OF

THE MINISTER'S VISIT. MINISTER BARCIKOWSKI IS A FORMER
GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE UNION.

3. MACENOWICZ SAID THAT, WHILE ATTENDING A MEETING OF
WESTERN EUROPEAN RURAL YOUTH UNIONS HELD LAST MONTH IN
NORWAY, HE LEARNED OF A "WORLD" CONFERENCE OF RURAL YOUTH
UNIONS, SPONSORED BY THE FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA, NOW

SCHEDULED TO BE HELD IN KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI IN NOVEMBER
OF 1976. HE ALSO LEARNED THAT A PLANNING SESSION FOR THIS
MEETING WILL BE HELD IN THE U.S. IN NOVEMBER, 1975.
MACENOWICZ EXPRESSED INTEREST IN THIS CONFERENCE, ASKING HOW
IT COULD BE DESIGNATED AS A WORLD CONFERENCE IF ALL RURAL
YOUTH UNIONS WERE NOT INVITED, AND INDICATING THAT THE UNION
WAS ANXIOUS TO PARTICIPATE IN BOTH THE PLANNING SESSION
AND IN THE CONFERENCE, EVEN IF THEY WERE ONLY INITIALLY
ACCEPTED AS OBSERVERS. THE EMBASSY REQUESTS THAT THE DEPART-
MENT CONTACT MR. GAMAGE IN THE INTERNATIONAL DIVISION OF
THE NATIONAL OFFICE OF THE FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA TO
ASCERTAIN IF IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO ISSUE AN INVITATION
TO THE POLISH UNION OF SOCIALIST RURAL YOUTH FOR BOTH OF
THESE SESSIONS.

COMMENT: MACENOWICZ MADE NO REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE IN
IMPLEMENTING EITHER OF THESE EXCHANGES. THE FACT THAT THE
UNION HAS BEEN ABLE TO SECURE 100 SEATS ON THE POLISH
NATIONAL AIRLINES (LOT) FOR THEIR PARTICIPANTS IN THE
4-H EXCHANGE GIVES SOME INDICATION OF THE PRIORITY BEING
GIVEN TO THIS ORGANIZATION BY THE GOP. OTHER BRANCHES OF THE
POLISH UNION OF SOCIALIST YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS HAVE A VERY
DIFFICULT TIME IN SECURING LOT SEATS FOR TRAVEL EVEN
WITHIN EUROPE. MACENOWICZ ALSO SAID THAT HE WOULD SEND A
TWO-MAN DELEGATION TO THE PLANNING SESSION OF THE FFA CON-
FERENCE AT GOP EXPENSE. IN THE EVENT THAT THE UNION IS
INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE FFA PLANNING SESSION, THE EMBASSY
WILL NOMINATE THESE TWO REPRESENTATIVES FOR PARTIAL IVP
GRANTS IN CONJUNCTION WITH THEIR TRAVEL TO THE U.S.
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